

**GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS  
*Governor's Prevention Advisory Council***

**COUNCIL GUIDELINES**

**I. PURPOSE**

The Governor established the Interagency Coordinating Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems (Council) to coordinate the state's strategic efforts to achieve measurable reductions in the incidence and prevalence of the inappropriate use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) by youth and adults. The Council shall develop coordinated state prevention plans and provide them to the Governor with recommendations for the continued enhancement and improvement of our state's prevention system.

Although organizations appointed to the Council have varied primary missions, these missions all benefit from successfully reducing and preventing harm to public health, safety and the economy related to ATOD use. The Council operates collectively toward a shared purpose, while members maintain autonomy carrying out Council prevention objectives through their respective organizations.

This high-level Council provides California with leadership continuity to advance ATOD prevention. The Council's permanent status and members' historical perspectives are needed to attain long-term, sustainable results. The Council membership is designed to reinforce each other's efforts, reduce redundancies, and align their organizations' resources to achieve specific collective objectives.

As used by the Council, ATOD prevention is defined as strategies, programs and initiatives which reduce adverse personal, social, health, and economic consequences resulting from problematic ATOD availability, manufacture, distribution, promotion, sales, and use. The desired result is to promote safe and healthy behaviors and environments for individuals, families, and communities.

**II. FUNCTIONS**

The Council will be chaired by the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). Members include key Agency and Departmental administrators from all the major state agencies involved with prevention issues, funding, and/or program level support.

Workgroups assist with implementation of the Council objectives, including California's State Incentive Grant and the California Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment Program. The Council determines the workgroups' membership. The Council and workgroups shall seek participation and input from other public and private organizations, associations, and collaborations that either provide prevention services or are concerned with ATOD issues.